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SUBJ: BAHRAINI REQUEST FOR TOW MISSILE

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL DISCUSSION WHICH HE HAD WITH YOU LAST MARCH, JORDANIAN CHIEF OF STAFF MAJOR GENERAL SHARIF ZAID BIN SHAKER HAS ASKED THE EMBASSY TO PROVIDE YOU WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON A REQUEST FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT WHICH HE HAS RECEIVED FROM THE JORDANIAN SENIOR MILITARY OFFICER IN BAHRAIN.

2. BAHRAINI CROWN PRINCE SHAYKH HAMID BIN KHALIFA WHO IS ALSO MINISTER OF DEFENSE OF BAHRAIN HAD SEEN THE TOW MISSILES IN THE RECENT JORDANIAN ARMY INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE ON TELEVISION. SHAYKH HAMID ASKED THE JORDANIAN MILITARY OFFICER IN BAHRAIN TO ADVISE BIN SHAKER THAT BAHRAIN WISHED TO PURCHASE TWENTY TOW MISSILES FOR ITS ARMED FORCES FROM THE USG THROUGH THE JORDANIAN ARMY. SHAYKH HAMID WOULD LIKE THE MISSILES DELIVERED IN TIME FOR THE BAHRAINI INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE ON DEC 16, 1974.

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3. BIN SHAKER REALIZES THAT BAHRAIN DOES NOT NEED

TOW AND THAT THE DELIVERY DATE OF DECEMBER 16 IS TOTALLY UNREALISTIC. NEVERTHELESS BIN SHAKER ASKED THAT REQUEST BE PASSED TO YOU AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE TYPE OF SERVICE WHICH JORDAN CAN BE EXPECTED TO PERFORM FOR THE GULF STATES IN THE FUTURE. HE WOULD LIKE NOW TO HAVE A PRINCIPLE ESTABLISHED AS TO HOW BEST TO DEAL WITH THIS REQUEST. BIN SHAKER WAS ALSO INFORMED THAT SHAYKH HAMID HAD TOLD THE JORDANIAN OFFICER IN BAHRAIN HE WOULD DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN MANAMA. PICKERING

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